

ARGUMENTS/REMARKS

Applicant submits this amendment in response to the Office Action mailed November 13, 2006.

Claims 2, 5 and 9 are still pending in this application. Claims 1, 3, 4 and 6-8 have now been cancelled without prejudice.

In the Office Action, claims 1 and 9 were objected to for certain informalities. The Action states that in claim 1, "said eccentric holes" should be --said eccentric hole-- to provide antecedent basis. However, the pertinent part of claim 2 (formerly claim 1) recites "each dial of said pair of dials having an eccentric hole therethrough", inferring more than one eccentric hole. As such, applicant respectfully submits that the objection should be withdrawn.

With regard to claim 9, the Action states that the claimed limitation "said second dial" should be --a second dial-- to provide antecedent basis. However, claim 9 depends from claim 2, which recites "a second dial slidably received in said first central recess," thereby providing proper antecedent basis for "said second dial" in claim 9. As such, applicant respectfully submits that the objection should be withdrawn.

Claims 1, 3-4, 6 and 8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Waldner (U.S. Patent

5,626,260). By the present amendment, applicant has cancelled, without prejudice, claims 1, 3-4, 6 and 8.

Claim 7 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Waldner. By the present amendment, applicant has cancelled, without prejudice, claim 7.

Claims 2, 5 and 9 were objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitation of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response, applicant has amended claims 2, 5 and 9. These claims have been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitation of the base claim and any intervening claims. As such, applicant submits that these claims are now allowable.

In view of the foregoing, applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the claims. Also, applicant respectfully requests that this application be passed to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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